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**STOCKTON MAN SENTENCED FOR AGGRAVATED IDENTITY
THEFT, BANK FRAUD, AND OTHER FELONIES**

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that DEREK ADAM NAASZ, 27, was sentenced today for five felony identity theft crimes. NAASZ was sentenced to 42 months federal incarceration by United States District Court Judge Garland E. Burrell.

The case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service, with the assistance of the Stockton Police Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Michelle Rodriguez, who prosecuted the case, NAASZ was convicted for his scheme to commit bank fraud with checks stolen from the U.S. Mail. NAASZ altered the stolen checks, and then forged and attempted to cash the checks to defraud banks and retailers in the Stockton area. NAASZ used stolen identification to cash the checks. All total, NAASZ possessed over 15 stolen credit card account numbers and victimized over 50 individuals in committing his series of crimes.

Judge Burrell sentenced NAASZ to 18 months in federal incarceration for bank fraud, two counts of possessing stolen mail and one count of credit card fraud. Additionally, the court imposed an additional 24 month sentence consecutively for having committed identity theft when carrying out his crimes, under the Aggravated Identify Theft statute enacted by Congress in July 2004. Upon completing his 42 month term of federal incarceration, NAASZ will be under federal supervised release for 60 months, during which time he will be subject to search to determine if he has reverted to criminal activity. NAASZ was ordered to pay full restitution to his victims and has been remanded into federal custody.

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